

getting English or other plants,  
so far as I may be able.

My occupations in my parish, &  
in classical & historical studies  
prevent me from carrying out  
botany to any very great perfection,  
but I have always been very partial  
to it, & one family (the Richeys)  
I have now formed a very considerable  
collection: besides having got together  
a huge pile of Phanerogamous plants  
from Germany, Italy, Switzerland

&c. Pray believe me

any dear Sir

Yours very truly  
Churchill Babington

P.S. You must have seen Cambridge but superficially  
cannot you visit it again & stay in St. John's with me?

P.S. Your Anacharis S<sup>t</sup>. John's Coll.  
has escaped out of the  
botanic garden into the Cambridge.  
Cam., & is the plague of  
my life, when I am fishing.  
July 28. 1851.

My dear Sir,

I am truly obliged for your  
kind offer respecting the N. American  
Ferns, w<sup>ch</sup>. I most gladly embrace.  
My collection contains very few N.  
American species, about 8 perhaps,  
principally of the genera *Lycopodium*  
& *Botrychium*. I do not venture  
to ask for the rarest species, w<sup>ch</sup>. will be  
better bestowed on better botanists, but  
all such species as you can procure  
without any difficulty or inconvenience

will be greatly valued by me; not  
excluding your very commonest species.  
I am always very glad to have the  
same plant from remote countries,  
partly for the sake of perceiving its  
geographical distribution & partly  
to see the effect of climate &c.

There are some lichens in my  
collection from almost all parts  
between Kotzebue's Sound & Cape Horn.

Some time ago I had hoped to have  
formed a regular correspondence with  
an American botanist, M<sup>r</sup>. Le Roy  
of N. York: he sent over about 50  
phanerogamous plants & ferns to  
my cousin, who handed them

over to me, & transferred the  
connection wh. he had with this  
gentleman at the same time:  
to which M<sup>r</sup>. Le Roy seemed to agree.  
I accordingly sent him over  
a very considerable number of  
English flowering plants 3 or 4  
hundred perhaps, containing  
many capital species: but I have  
heard no more of him: perhaps  
he is dead. This was <sup>in</sup> 1844, if  
I remember.

I hope it is unnecessary to  
add that it will always give  
me great pleasure to do any  
thing for you in the way of